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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO
GREEK PRIME MINISTER

(S/S NO. 7519344)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HARTMAN

1. THE PROBLEM. WE WISH YOUR APPROVAL OF A LETTER WHICH
THE PRESIDENT MAY WISH TO SEND TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMAN;IST
THE HOUSE APPROVES S.2230 ON THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO.

2. DISCUSSION. IN VIEW OF THE LIKELY ADVERSE REACTION IN
GREECE TO THE LIFTING OF THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO, WE BE-
LIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SEND
A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO CARAMANLIS ASSURING THE PRIME MINISTER
THAT WE INTEND NOW TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO ACHIEVE PRO-
GRESS TOWARDS A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND, SPECIFICALLY, THAT
WE SHALL SEEK TO PERSUADE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO SHOW
FLEXIBILITY ON THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION. THE LETTER WOULD
ALSO INDICATE THAT WE WILL CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY GREECE'S
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NEEDS FOR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

3. RECOMMENDATION. THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO CARAMANLIS:

4. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: IT WAS A GREAT PERSONAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO SEE AND TALK WITH YOU IN HEL-SINKI, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE EFFORTS THAT YOU HAVE MADE SINCE THEN TO KEEP US INFORMED OF YOUR VIEWS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. AMBASSADOR KUBISCH HAS REPORTED FULLY HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH YOU, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I SHARE COMPLETELY YOUR BELIEF ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTING NOW TO RESOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

5. YOU AND I HAVE DIFFERED ON THE WISDOM OF THE CONGRESSIONAL EMBARGO ON US ARMS TO TURKEY, BUT WE HAVE BOTH BEEN STRIVING TO ACHIEVE THE SAME GOAL, NAMELY A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IT IS MY CONVICTION THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO

BEGIN A MAJOR EFFORT TO TRY TO BREAK THE CURRENT IMPASSE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

6. IN THIS ENDEAVOR, WE WILL BE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER ENUNCIATED IN HIS SEPTEMBER 22 ADDRESS TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INCLUDING THE PRINCIPLES THAT THE PRESENT DIVIDING LINES CANNOT BE PERMANENT. SINCE THE TERRITORIAL ARRANGEMENTS ON THE ISLAND ARE A KEY ISSUE IN ANY SETTLEMENT, WE SHALL SEEK SPECIFICALLY TO PERSUADE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO SHOW UNDERSTANDING AND FLEXIBILITY ON THIS QUESTION.

7. IT WOULD BE OUR HOPE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON TERRITORY BY TURKEY WILL PROVIDE A BASIS FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS BETWEEN MR. CLERIDES AND MR. DENKTASH AND THAT THESE TALKS, ONCE RESTARTED, CAN PROCEED TO ADDRESS ALL THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN A SYSTEMATIC AND SUSTAINED MANNER. THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT BE EASY, BUT YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS READY TO ASSIST THE PARTIES IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS. LET ME ALSO ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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WILLING TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO FACILITATE A RESOLUTION OF THE GREEK-TURKISH PROBLEMS OVER THE AEGEAN AND THAT I FIRMLY BELIEVE THESE PROBLEMS MUST BE SOLVED THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS.

8. WE ALSO WISH TO MEET, AS QUICKLY AND SYMPATHETICALLY AS POSSIBLE, GREECE'S REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE. IT IS IN OUR COMMON INTEREST THAT OUR LONG-

STANDING MUTUAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP BE STRENGTHENED. WE ALSO WISH TO FACILITATE YOUR EFFORTS TO BUILD DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN GREECE. AT THE SAME TIME, I HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW APPRECIATION OF THE

IMPORTANCE OF U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES, WHOSE PRESENCE IN GREECE, I BELIEVE, SERVES THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND OF THE NATO ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE. I THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT WE REACH AN EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

9. FINALLY,

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE DO NOT CONDONE THE TURKISH ACTION, NOR DO WE CONDONE THE LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARDS A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT OVER THE PAST YEAR. AS I HAVE EMPHASIZED THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WILL ENABLE THE UNITED STATES TO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN TRYING TO ACHIEVE A FAIR AND LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND I HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE OF GREECE WILL COME TO VIEW THIS WEEK'S CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IN THAT LIGHT. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
END TEXT.

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